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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD OF ENHANCING HOMOLOGOUS
RECOMBINATION OF SOMATIC CELLS
AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING
SPECIFIC ANTIBODY

Examiner: M. G. Leavitt

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter "Patent Office") on July 25, 2008 and the Notice of Appeal filed on January 23, 2009, please consider the accompanying amendment and remarks in the above-identified application. Submitted concurrently herewith are 1) a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114; 2) a Declaration of Dr. Hidetaka Seo, Ph.D. pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; 3) a three month extension of time and authorization for payment of the required fee; and 4) an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

It is believed that no additional fees are required for this submission. However, should the Patent Office determine that additional fees are owed or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.